GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2593
ANSWERED ON:10.03.2000
NEW DELHI T.V. NETWORK
HARIBHAI PARTHIBHAI CHAUDHARY

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any complaints against special consideration being shown by Doordarshan towards New Delhi Television Network;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken against the guilty officials in this matter

(d) the total number of cases investigated during the last three years by the C.B.I.against the Doordarshan officials, year-wise and the result thereof; and

(e) the current status of these investigations and the total number of cases disposed of during the above period?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF TH DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT
(SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a)to(c): The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) in its report presented to the LokSabha on 22.04.1997 had inter-alia observed that large scale irregularities were committed and undue favours were granted by Doordarshan to M/s New DelhiTelevision (NDTV) in the matter of programmes produced by M/s NDTV forDoordarshan. The Committee had directed that the matter may be investigated by an appropriate Investigative agency. Accordingly, the matter was entrusted to CBI forinvestigation. A regular criminal case has been registered by the CBI against theaccused persons on 9.1.1998. The matter is still under investigation of CBI and theirreport is awaited. Further action in the matter will be taken on receipt of the report of CBI.

(d)&(e): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.